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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, JULY 1987

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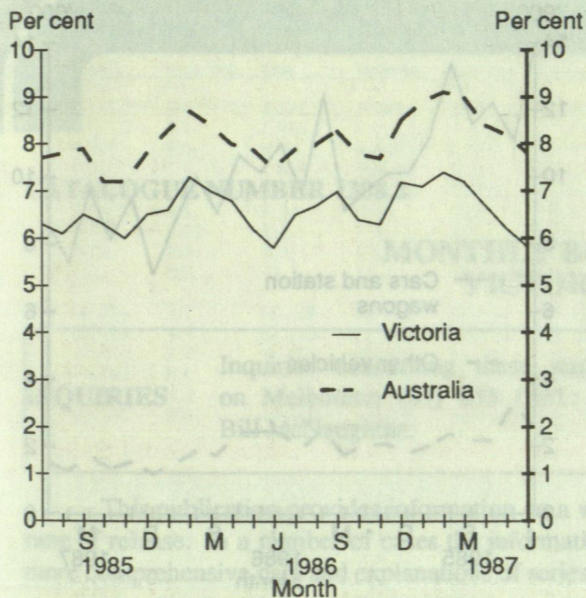
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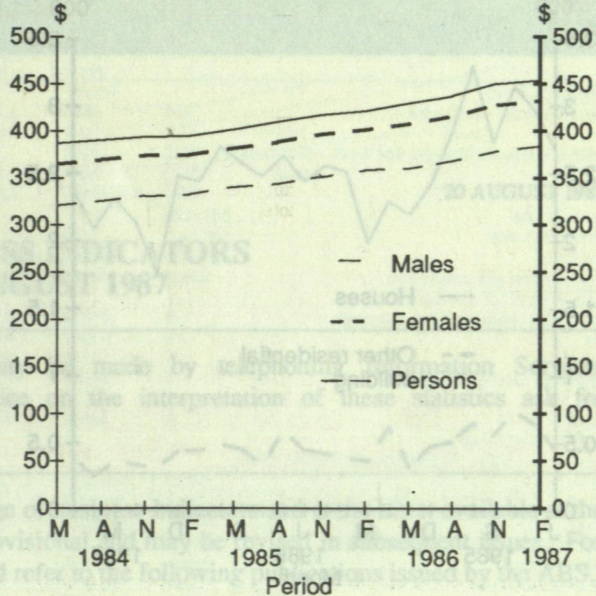
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE (a)										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Jun 87	1,550.3	1,548.2	1,540.4	1,552.0	1,509.7	2.7	5,690.8	1.0
- total	'000	Jun 87	1,928.5	1,928.9	1,919.3	1,928.5	1,861.3	3.6	7,111.1	2.0
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Jun 87	94.6	103.5	106.4	115.1	88.6	6.8	506.2	10.1
- total	'000	Jun 87	118.5	128.3	136.9	150.3	115.3	2.8	603.6	7.4
Labour force	'000	Jun 87	2,047.0	2,057.3	2,056.2	2,078.7	1,976.6	3.6	7,714.7	2.4
Participation rate	per cent	Jun 87	62.5	62.9	63.0	63.8	61.5	1.6	61.9	0.0
Unemployment rate	percent	Jun 87	5.8	6.2	6.7	7.2	5.8	0.0	7.8	4.0
Job vacancies	'000	May 87	17.6	18.0	12.8	12.9	16.8	4.8	53.8	-1.1
Overtime worked per employee	hours	May 87	1.41	1.38	1.40	1.22	1.41	0.0	1.23	0.0
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Feb 87	432.50	427.70	415.60	407.20	401.20	7.8	429.90	6.4
Males	\$	Feb 87	454.60	450.30	437.50	429.70	421.50	7.9	454.80	6.5
Females	\$	Feb 87	384.10	378.30	368.30	359.80	358.40	7.2	375.70	6.5
All employees total earnings -	\$	Feb 87	391.70	388.50	374.80	374.80	370.10	5.8	381.80	4.9
Males	\$	Feb 87	447.80	446.70	429.50	425.70	423.50	5.7	445.30	5.3
Females	\$	Feb 87	307.90	301.00	294.50	297.10	290.50	6.0	291.10	5.3
CONSUMER PRICES (b)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Mar qr 87	160.2	158.9	156.1	152.0	147.2	8.8	157.7	7.9
Clothing	index	Mar qr 87	151.8	151.3	145.9	144.6	138.1	9.9	153.1	10.1
Housing	index	Mar qr 87	176.9	173.9	171.3	168.6	164.8	7.3	166.2	7.2
Household equipment & operation	index	Mar qr 87	163.0	161.3	156.8	153.7	152.3	7.0	162.1	6.6
Transportation	index	Mar qr 87	169.9	164.5	156.8	149.6	153.8	10.5	176.8	11.2
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Mar qr 87	181.2	176.8	171.8	168.1	165.1	9.8	185.2	10.6
Health & personal care	index	Mar qr 87	168.5	164.1	151.4	147.4	142.4	18.3	158.7	18.9
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Mar qr 87	146.8	142.1	139.8	136.8	134.1	9.5	143.8	9.6
All groups	index	Mar qr 87	166.0	162.9	158.2	154.2	151.8	9.4	164.7	9.4
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)	\$m	Apr 87	1,261.3	1,229.8	1,141.8	1,231.6	1,160.4	8.7	4,694.0	9.5
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Apr 87	37	44	36	21	41	-9.8	152	-10.1
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Apr 87	277	296	276	188	252	9.9	1,147	-0.3
Plastics & synthetic resins (c)	tonnes	Apr 87	36,315	33,608	34,967	24,886	59,424	-38.9	52,558	-13.0
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Apr 87	2,615	2,954	2,755	1,124	2,689	-2.8	3,029	-4.7
Cars & station wagons	'000	Apr 87	15.3	14.9	15.5	2.4	13.4	14.2	24.2	3.4
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Apr 87	998	983	901	282	812	22.9	2,019	13.0
- Wool	tonnes	Apr 87	1,357	1,459	1,367	583	1,402	-3.2	1,862	-5.7
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Apr 87	1,886	1,644	1,635	346	1,696	11.2	3,802	19.1
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Apr 87	369	328	349	209	374	-1.3	1,090	7.3
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Apr 87	6,473	7,400	7,340	1,577	6,616	-2.2	14,357	6.8
Electricity	million kWh	Apr 87	2,690	2,617	2,413	2,450	2,200	22.3	10,455	4.9
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Apr 87	1,084.7	1,081.4	1,067.2	1,094.2	1,089.7	-0.5	2,896.6	-2.3
Exports (excl re-exports)	\$m	Apr 87	651.9	694.2	569.9	581.3	442.1	47.5	2,711.8	15.4
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	May 87	2,380	2,087	2,322	2,141	2,564	-7.2	8,196	-2.6
New other residential building	No.	May 87	396	255	375	345	425	-6.8	2,282	11.4
Value of all building	\$m	May 87	423.4	416.6	410.7	315.0	362.8	16.7	1,429.5	4.7
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Dec qr 86	7,410	6,840	6,750	6,930	8,150	-9.1	23,530	-16.3
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 86	480.1	445.8	426.6	424.8	494.2	-2.9	1,428.2	-9.3
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 86	1,245	1,352	1,150	1,385	1,695	-26.5	6,837	-15.6
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Dec qr 86	59.2	57.9	47.9	56.6	68.1	-13.1	339.3	-3.9
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Dec qr 86	358.0	874.1	429.0	496.5	428.1	-16.4	1,974.8	-10.8
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 86	991.4	1,459.1	990.5	1,053.0	1,072.5	-7.6	4,023.7	-8.5
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,168.4	1,221.8	1,173.3	980.1	1,116.7	4.6	4,468.4	1.0
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS (d) -										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Apr 87	108.1	106.3	106.0	105.7	101.7	6.3	107.9	6.1
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Apr 87	181.6	180.5	178.9	177.6	169.1	7.4	184.8	7.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	May 87	10,235	8,726	11,359	9,535	11,466	-10.7	35,727	-24.6
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	May 87	8,669	7,448	9,653	8,153	9,515	-8.9	29,273	-19.3
Motor cycles	No.	May 87	1,566	1,278	1,706	1,382	1,951	-19.7	6,454	-41.7
Motor cycles	No.	May 87	362	324	368	486	460	-21.3	1,400	-37.9
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	May 87	18,923	18,616	17,960	17,777	15,908	19.0	50,607	24.6
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	May 87	5,027	4,887	5,058	4,647	3,893	29.1	16,450	22.0
Fixed deposits	\$m	May 87	8,094	8,203	8,293	8,201	8,697	-6.9	29,977	-4.1
Advances	\$m	May 87	13,954	14,023	13,775	13,371	11,637	19.9	45,497	10.9
Debits to customers' accounts (e)	\$m	May 87	29,771	27,509	29,758	26,290	25,230	18.0	128,256	30.4
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Apr 87	360.9	370.7	344.8	292.7	319.7	12.9	1,216.9	19.3
Savings banks	\$m	Apr 87	305.4	313.8	296.4	250.8	241.6	26.4	868.1	42.9
Trading banks	\$m	Apr 87	18.8	19.7	18.0	15.0	29.6	-36.5	96.1	-26.0
Permanent building societies	\$m	Apr 87	17.8	20.8	16.1	14.5	24.8	-28.2	173.9	-3.1
Other lenders	\$m	Apr 87	18.9	16.4	14.2	12.4	23.8	-20.6	78.8	-23.6
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (f)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,673	1,588	1,435	1,058	1,316	27.1	6,287	22.3
Finance	\$m	Dec qr 86	613	604	535	383	478	28.2	1,675	27.4
New building and structures	\$m	Dec qr 86	626	630	564	425	525	19.2	2,233	17.3
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Dec qr 86	381	432	378	205	333	14.4	1,889	17.5
	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,292	1,156	1,058	853	983	31.4	4,398	24.4

(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (b) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (d) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (e) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (f) By private enterprises.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

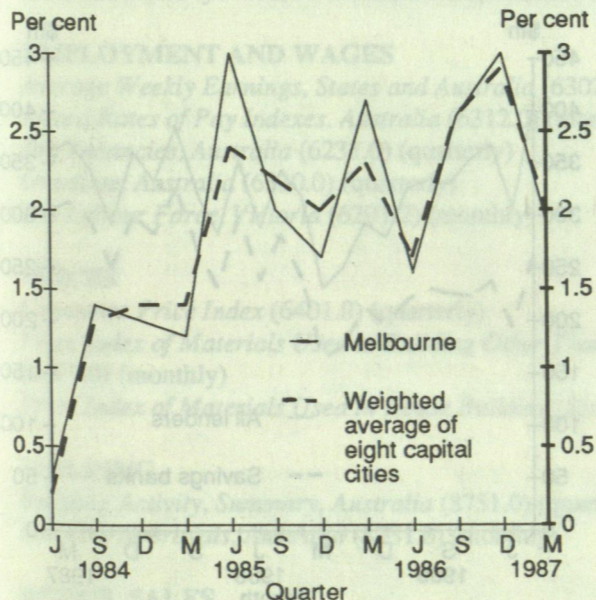


FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA

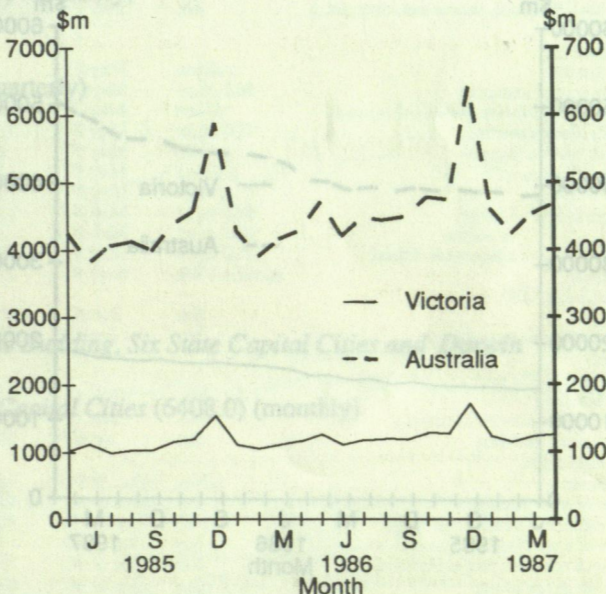


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS

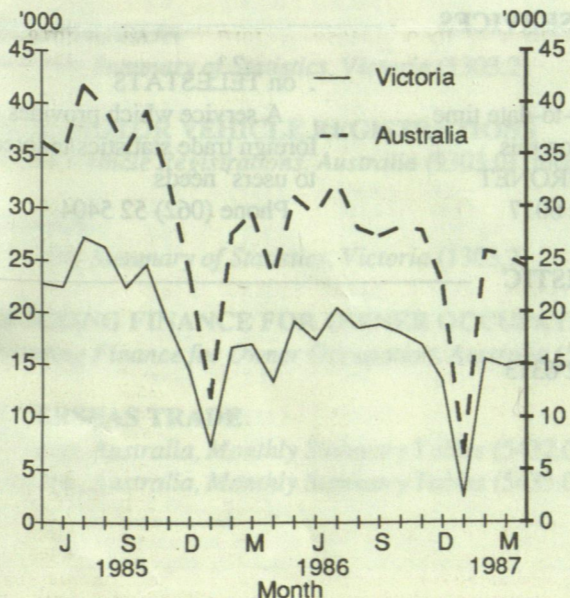
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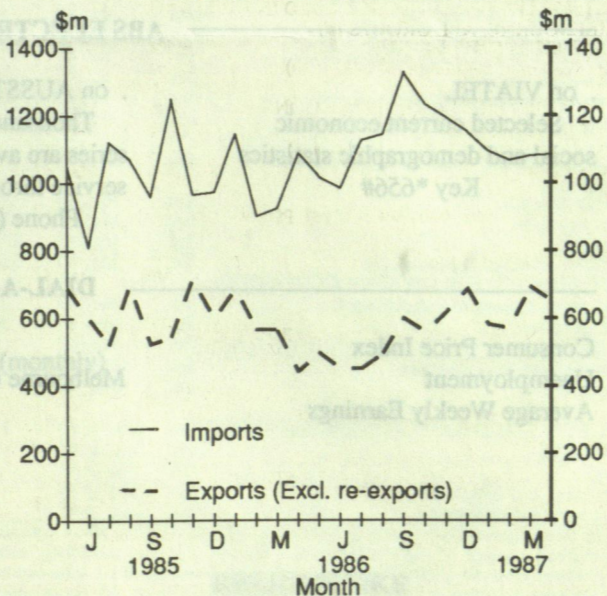
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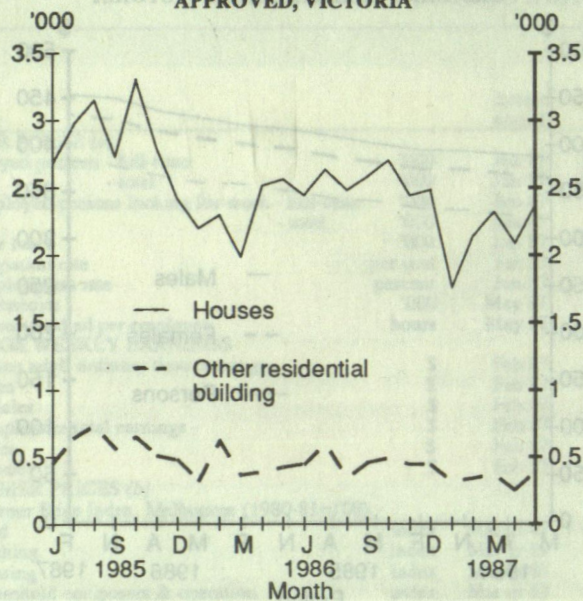
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



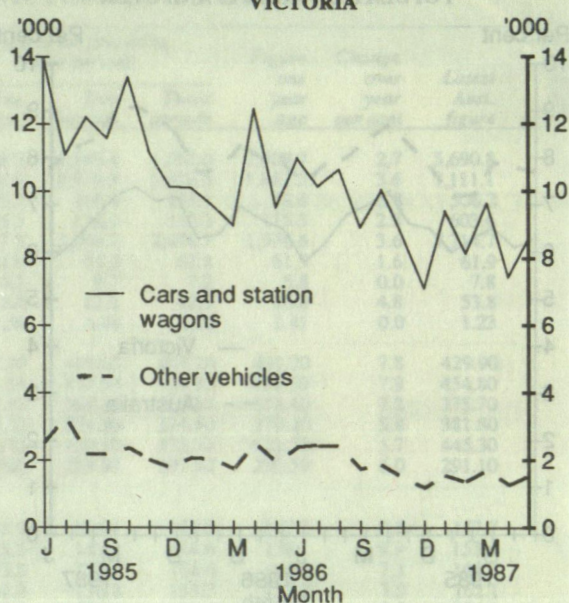
VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



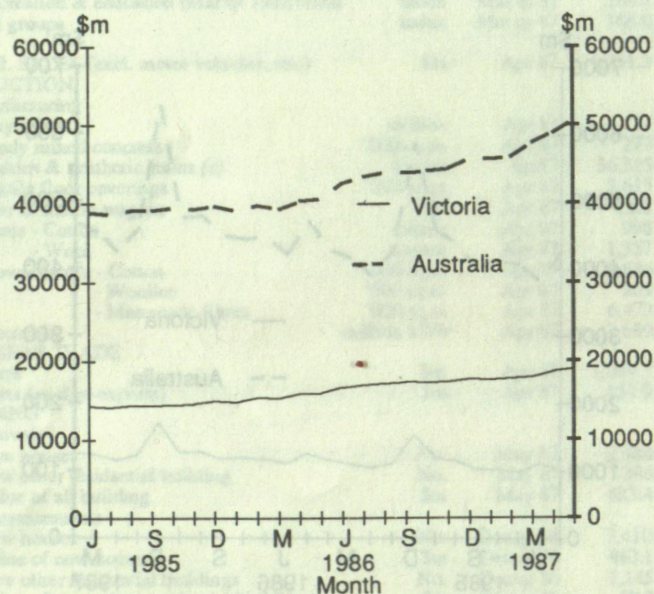
**NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS
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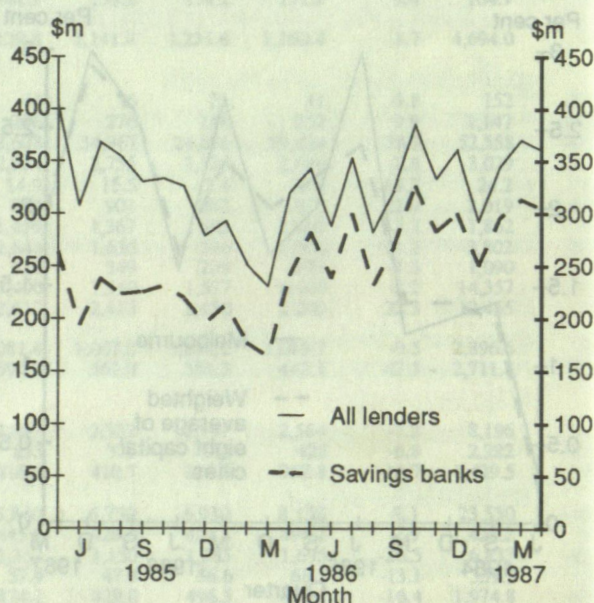
**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
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SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO
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